

Inner West Busway along Victoria Road



FACT SHEET – APRIL 2009

Boating on Iron Cove What to expect during construction

Summary

The new bridge will be built using the incremental launching method. Ten piers will be built to support the new bridge. Six of these piers will be built in Iron Cove.

Two large barges will be used to hold equipment to build the piers in Iron Cove. Smaller support barges and boats will be used to deliver concrete, staff and materials to these barges. Work platforms and pontoons will be used.

Two construction and work compound sites will be set up on Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne.

Locations include:

- The car park next to the café.
- The car park across the road from the café.

These sites will be used to build some of the bridge piers and spans, build the Drummoyne abutment and provide a loading zone for the barges working on Iron Cove.

Navigation on Iron Cove

Two navigable channels will remain open at all times. An animation showing the construction of the bridge and channels available for boating is available on the project website – see related links.

Boat speed limits will be restricted to 4 knots. A shallow area on the banks of the Iron Cove at King George Park will be reclaimed for a pier to be built. This will not affect navigation and will be restored when the project is finished.

Safety

The safety of waterway users is of major importance to the RTA. The RTA will continue to work closely with NSW Maritime and various Iron Cove waterway users

to develop and implement a safety management plan for the construction of the new bridge.

Exclusion zones

Exclusion zones will be in place around the barges in Iron Cove. Exclusion zones will be up to 150 metres from the existing Iron Cove Bridge to the west. Marker buoys, flashing lights and signage will be used to mark out these areas.

Timeframe

Work in Iron Cove will start in mid 2009 and will take about 12 months to finish. Maritime notifications will be sent when work is due to start. A maritime communications plan will be developed and made available on the project website.

Timeframes are estimates only. Times may change due to a number of factors, such as weather.

Construction hours

Due to the need to ensure that Victoria Road remains unimpeded during peak hours, the RTA has approval to undertake construction work at any time (24 hours per day). All construction activities done before 7am or after 6pm on any day, on weekends or public holidays, are subject to measures specified in the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan.

Related fact sheets and links

- [Boating on Iron Cove – What to expect on completion](#)
- [The new bridge over Iron Cove](#)
- [Project documents](#)
- [RTA website – Building the bridge](#)

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